SHIPPING CONTAINER GUIDELINE

Planning to place a shipping container on your property? Check the applicable Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited (NCL) requirements before arranging delivery. This guideline applies to shipping containers on residential properties in Nhulunbuy and within the Industrial Estate.

IMPORTANT: Approval of temporarily placed shipping container does not authorise permanent placement. Permanent containers require prior NCL approval and may also require a Building Application and/or Development Permit.

1. Temporary & permanent placement

TEMPORARY SHIPPING CONTAINER	PERMANENT SHIPPING CONTAINER
For short-term storage, moving, delivery or uplift. • NCL approval is required before placement. • Residential properties: approval may be granted for up to 14 days. • Industrial Estate properties: approval may be granted for up to 30 days. • Extensions may be requested in writing to the Compliance Officer before expiry. • Remove the container by the expiry date unless further approval is granted. • During cyclone season, a Cyclone Management Plan may be requested.	**Intended to remain on the property as a long-term storage unit or structure.** Prior NCL approval is required • A Building Application or other assessment may be required, depending on the proposed container, its use and applicable requirements • Development approval may also be required • The proposed location must comply with applicable planning, setback, lease and site requirements

IMPORTANT: Under the existing Shipping Container Policy, only one shipping container is permitted on a residential property, whether temporary or permanent. Permanent shipping containers are not permitted on road reserves, open spaces or other public areas.

2. Building & Development approval

The required pathway depends on the proposed location, use, construction and any modifications.
Contact NCL if you are unsure which pathway applies.

MINOR WORKS FORM	BUILDING APPROVAL	DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL
You may use this pathway if your shipping container qualifies as an enclosed storage structure under BN114 and meets every applicable criteria. • Floor area less than 15 m². • Height not exceeding 2.5 m. • Lightweight construction. • Not connected to plumbing or drainage. • Not attached to another building. • Used only for storage and non-commercial purposes.	A Building Application may be required where the container: • Does not meet the applicable Building Note 114 (BN114) exemption criteria. • Has been modified for use as a workshop, office, accommodation or another purpose. • Requires building certification or structural assessment. • Includes plumbing, drainage or other building work requiring approval.	A Development Permit may be required depending on the proposal and applicable planning controls. Assessment may consider: • Setbacks from property boundaries. • Location and site layout. • Compatibility with the property's approved use. • Compliance with the applicable planning scheme and lease requirements.

3. What do I need to submit?

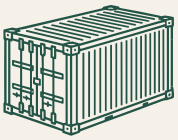
TEMPORARY SHIPPING CONTAINER PERMIT	PERMANENT SHIPPING CONTAINER PERMIT
• Completed NCL Temporary Shipping Container Permit Application. • Site plan showing the proposed location.	• NCL Building Application or Minor Works Form • Site plan showing property boundaries, existing buildings and proposed container location. • Container dimensions, specifications • Property owners consent • Excavation Permit Application

4. Location & site requirements for permanent container

Property boundaries and setbacks	Underground services and access	Safety and amenity
• Keep the container within the property boundary. • As a general guide, side and rear setbacks in Nhulunbuy are 1.5 m from the property boundary. • A setback variation may be possible in some circumstances and may require a Development Permit. • NCL does not determine private property boundaries. If unsure, seek advice from a licensed surveyor. • The site plan must show boundaries, the proposed location and distances from boundaries.	• An Excavation Permit is required where excavation or ground disturbance is proposed, including for footings or foundations. Do not commence excavation until any required permit is approved. • Dial Beofre You Dig - highly encouraged	• Do not place the container on a road or obstruct public access and create safety risk • Avoid damage to street kerbing, drainage pits, nature strips and other NCL assets. • Stabilise the container if required by site conditions, particularly on sloping ground.

5. How to apply

Confirm the purpose and use - Determine whether the shipping container is for temporary or permanent placement, its intended use and its dimensions.
Check the proposed location - Confirm the property boundaries, required setbacks, site access and underground services. Ensure the container can be safely delivered, positioned and secured.
Confirm the required approvals - Contact Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited (NCL) to confirm which approvals are required. Depending on the proposed placement and use, this may include Minor Building Works Form, Building Approval and/or Development Approval.
Prepare and submit your application - Complete the relevant NCL application forms and provide a site plan showing the proposed container location, dimensions and setbacks, along with any required supporting documents.
Obtain approval before delivery - Wait until all required approvals have been granted by NCL before arranging delivery or placing the container on site. Approval must be obtained before any associated works commence.
Comply with approval conditions - Ensure the container remains in the approved location and complies with all permit conditions, including any requirements relating to safety, security and the approved timeframe.
Remove the container or request an extension - Temporary containers must be removed by the permit expiry date. If additional time is required, contact NCL to request an extension before the existing approval expires.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need approval for a shipping container?
Yes. Approval requirements depend on the container's intended use, location and whether it will be placed temporarily or permanently.

What is the timeframe for the approvals?
Temporary Shipping Container Permit Approval - 3 working days.
Permanent container - if all the documentation has been provided and there are no delays, 7-10 working days.

How long can a temporary shipping container stay on site?
- Residential properties: 14 days.
- Commercial and industrial properties: 30 days.

The container must be removed by the permit expiry date unless an extension has been approved by NCL.

Can I extend my temporary shipping container permit?
Yes. Contact the NCL Compliance Officer to discuss your circumstances and request an extension before your current permit expires.

Where can a shipping container be placed on my property?
The container must be located within your property boundary and must not obstruct access, public areas, roads, road reserves or underground services. Setbacks and other site restrictions may apply. Provide a site plan showing the proposed location and distances from property boundaries. Contact NCL if you are unsure whether your proposed location is suitable.

Why do I need an Excavation Permit for a shipping container?
An Excavation Permit is required for a proposed shipping container location so NCL can identify and assess any underground services or infrastructure that may be beneath the proposed structure, even if no excavation is planned. This helps ensure the proposed location does not interfere with underground services, access or future maintenance requirements.

What fees apply to shipping container approvals?
Fees depend on the type of application and any additional approvals or inspections required. Contact NCL for the current fees applicable to your proposal before submitting your application.